(b) the result thereof;

(c) the State which have fulfilled targets of population control; and

(d) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to stop financial assistance to such States so that they can achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Increasing population is a challenge before the country and impacts development policies. The Government is creating awareness among the public through mass and folk media and counseling to young couples for family welfare services through field level functionaries. Social mobilization for the programme has been undertaken through Zila Saksharata Samiti, Mahila Swasthya Sangha etc. A National Commitment Campaign has been launched for generating greater political commitment for the Family Welfare Programme.

(b) The Crude Birth Rate has declined from 30.2 to 25 during the period of 1990—2002. The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in the country, which was 6.0 in 1951, declined to 4.5 in 1981, 3.6 in 1991 and 2.9 as per NFHS 1998-99.

(c) The Department of Family Welfare has discontinued the target oriented approach followed earlier and adopted the Decentralized Participatory Planning Approach based on identification of community needs since 1st April, 1996.

(d) Does not arise.

AIIMS Status to Calcutta Medical College

554. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade the Calcutta Medical College to the status of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) functioning in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) A decision in principle has

been taken to upgrade the Medical College, Kolkata to the level of proposed AIIMS, under the "Pradhanmantri Swasthaya Suraksha Yojna". Under the scheme, the capital cost upto Rs. 120 crores is to be provided by the Central Government and the recurring cost for running the facilities of the upgraded College will be borne by the State Government. The project is expected to be completed during the next three years.

Forecast on Population Growth

555. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society of India has forecast population growth rate of 55 per cent in the States like U.P., Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Orissa during the period of twenty years, 1996 to 2016;

(b) if so, the growth rate recorded during 1996—2003 in these and other States; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to curb the growth rate in tune with the NPP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. As per the Report of the Technical Group on Population Projection 1996 constituted by Planning Commission, growth rates of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Orissa during 1996—2016 are given below:—

States	%Population Growth Rate
Uttar Pradesh	54.89
Madhya Pradesh	41.75
Bihar	42.18
Rajasthan	43.62
Orissa	19.12

(b) Statement annexed *(See* below*)*.

(c) The steps taken by the Government are as under:-